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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,822,615 issued October 13, 1998.

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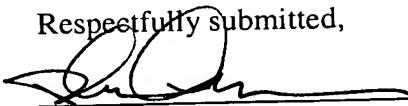
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